

**AMENDED & APPROVED 5/19/06**  
**Child Health Insurance Program Advisory Committee**  
**Access Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**



Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
Conference Room 11A  
600 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

March 31, 2006 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**The following subcommittee members were present:**

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| • William Rees, MD, MBA, FAAP | Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Virginia Pediatric Society |
| • Andrea Arthur               | Virginia Primary Care Association   |
| • Anna Healy                  | Virginia Association of Health Plans  |
| • Catherine Harrison, MPA     | Joint Commission on Health Care   |
| • Jack Schwartzback           | CVS Pharmacy  |
| • Gwen Smith, RN, MSN         | Virginia Department of Education  |

**The following subcommittee members were not in attendance:**

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| • Joseph F. Borzelleca, Jr., MD, MPH | Dept. OB/GYN, VCUMC           |
| • Rene Cabral-Daniels, JD, MPH       | Virginia Department of Health |
| • Terone Green                       | DMAS Board Member             |
| • Sara Long                          | March of Dimes                |

**The following DMAS staff were in attendance:**

- Rebecca Mendoza, Marketing and Outreach Manager, Maternal and Child Health Division
- Andy Feagans, Marketing and Outreach Liaison, Maternal and Child Health Division
- Diane Howard, Marketing and Outreach Liaison, Maternal and Child Health Division

**Meeting Agenda**

**PURPOSE of the CHIPAC Access Subcommittee:**

While enrollment in FAMIS / FAMIS Plus is a gateway to health care for many children, it does not guarantee that children will receive the care they need. In many areas of the state, provider supply does not meet the demand. Access to dentists, pediatricians, mental health clinicians and specialty providers remains challenging. This committee may address these and other issues which interfere with children's access to care, including language and cultural barriers, parent and provider awareness, care for children with special health care needs, and systems problems.

**AGENDA:**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) CHIPAC Business
  - A) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Defining Access to Care

- A) Reasonable Travel and Time (handouts)
    - i) "Service Spread", ER and Physician demographics
  - B) Source of Adequate Care, e.g., ER, Physician's Office, Telemedicine, Community Clinics, FQHCs
  - C) Proper Access to Care, e.g., the ER for emergencies only
  - D) The Financials, reimbursement
- 4) Improving Access to Care
- A) Provider Side
    - i) Encouraging Physicians to enter the Rural Market
      - (a) Potential Physician Income
        - (i) State or Local Government Sponsorship
        - (ii) Loans
        - (iii) Salary
        - (iv) Subsidization
        - (v) Guaranteed Income
      - (b) Private Sponsorship
      - (c) Potential Physician Group Practice
        - (i) The Importance of the Medical Home
        - (ii) The Group Practice and Coverage
        - (iii) The Rural Hospital and its Capabilities
        - (iv) Secondary and Tertiary Care
          - 1. Emergency Transport
          - 2. Telemedicine
      - (d) The "Sociology" of the Young Professional
        - (i) Is this a Government Concern?
        - (ii) The Rotating Physician?
  - B) Patient Side
    - i) Language and Cultural Barriers
    - ii) Patient Awareness and Education
    - iii) Special Healthcare Needs
    - iv) The remaining uninsured, the underinsured

5) Public Comment

**Minutes**

Dr. Rees supplied copies of a colored map on "Virginia Primary Care Service Areas (VPCSA): Children Under 18 Per Clinically Active Pediatrician"

Rebecca Mendoza brought the following materials:

Copies of "Commonwealth of Virginia Clinical Study FAMIS" prepared by Delmarva Foundation (CY 2004); "Study of Enrollment and Non-Renewal Among Families with Children Eligible for FAMIS or Medicaid, A Summary of Survey Research by Matrix Marketing Research Group (Print-outs of a PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Stephen Horan, PhD, Community Health Resource Center); FAMIS Segmentation Study Research Update (Print-outs of a PowerPoint Presentation, dated February 10, 2005).

Andrea Arthur supplied a print-out of "Rural and Urban Parents Report on Access to Health Care for their Children with Medicaid Managed Care."

**Discussion:**

The meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Dr. Rees at 1:49 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Dr. Rees presented map of Virginia Primary Care Service Areas, which shows a lack of pediatricians in Northern Neck, Southside, etc.

Andrea Arthur said the Virginia Department of Health was working on a map of all safety net health care providers. She stated that there is no new money for starting new Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's). Dr. Rees asked Arthur to provide the committee with more information on FQHC's. Arthur also discussed the National Health Service Corps in Virginia.

Dr. Rees discussed the lifestyle and financial barriers to young pediatricians locating in underserved area. He also suggested that Telemedicine might provide a solution. Dr. Rees stated UVa has a pilot program in Telemedicine, and he would like to have someone from UVa Telemedicine speak to the CHIPAC full committee at the June meeting.

Catherine Harrison asked about a map of Family Practice Access; Dr. Rees said he hasn't seen one, but would try to find one. Rees commented that Family Practice sees about 40% of the children in Medicaid (and the number is dropping).

Gwen Smith commented that the ER is the only place to get access after 6 pm. Dr. Rees shared that non-emergency care in the ER is 30% to 40% more expensive than care in a doctor's office.

Smith offered to bring overhead with county map to put over VPCSA map for next meeting.

Arthur said VDH has maps of provider shortage areas for dental, mental health, and health care professionals. It was suggested that Rene Cabral-Daniels from VDH should be able to provide that information.

There was a brief discussion of enrollment. Rebecca Mendoza shared that there was a dip in the enrollment numbers last month (February).

Smith asked if Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) could contract with nurse practitioners.

Andy Feagans passed out a map of the Managed Care Areas; DMAS will send out a Managed Care Service Chart to subcommittee members.

Dr. Rees said he would like someone from DMAS Managed Care Unit to come speak to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

Diane Howard will be the primary DMAS staff person for this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The subcommittee's next meeting will take place **Friday, May 19** at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Conference Room 11A (Room 1138), 600 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 at the same time (1:30 to 3:30).

The next full Child Health Insurance Program Advisory Committee (CHIPAC) meeting will be held on June 8.